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Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Petition for Arbitration of XO Tennessee, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 03-00630

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's *Response to Petition for Arbitration* filed by XO Tennessee, Inc. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel for XO.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Petition for Arbitration of XO Tennessee, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 03-00630

**RESPONSE OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO PETITION FOR ARBITRATION FILED BY XO TENNESSEE, INC.**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") files this response to the Petition of XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO") for Arbitration filed on December 11, 2003. An accurate statement of the facts related to this arbitration are set forth in BellSouth's *Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and XO Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996* filed on December 11, 2003 (Docket No. 03-00631). To the extent XO's *Petition* alleges contrary facts, BellSouth denies each and every such allegation.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.



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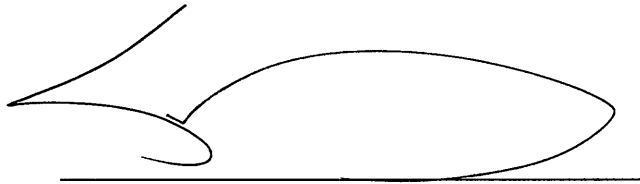
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